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TO

Amend the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

A.D. 1879.

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Ireland) Amend- Short title.  
ment Act, 1879, and shall extend to Ireland only.

2. Every urban sanitary authority not otherwise incorporated, and every other person or body of persons acting as a sanitary authority under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, and not otherwise incorporated, shall be a body corporate for the purposes of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, under the title of the sanitary authority of the sanitary district for which each such urban authority, or person or persons, act under the provisions of the said Act, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and with power to sue and be sued in their corporate capacity, and to hold lands without any license in mortmain for the purposes of the said Act.

*Incorporation of urban sanitary authorities.*  
41 & 42 Vict. c. 55.

3. All orders made prior to the passing of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, under the provisions of the Burial Grounds (Ireland) Act, 1856, or any Act amending the same, for the discontinuance of burials in any place, or otherwise in relation to any charnelhouse or burial ground, shall be as effectual for all purposes as if they were orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland made under the provisions of the third part of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878; and all the provisions of the said Act applicable to orders made by the Local Government Board in accordance with the provisions of the third part of the said Act shall apply to such orders made prior to the passing of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as fully as if they were orders of the Local Government Board made under the third part of the said Act.

*Orders made under Burial Grounds Act declared to be binding.*  
41 & 42 Vict. c. 52.  
19 & 20 Vict. c. 98.

[Bill 128.]

A.D. 1878.

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Burial of  
persons  
whose  
relatives  
cannot be  
required to  
provide for  
their inter-  
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4. In addition to any powers vested at the time of the passing of this Act in the guardians of the poor of any union for providing for the burial of the bodies of persons unknown, and for supplying coffins and shrouds in certain cases, and otherwise in relation to burials, it shall be lawful for the guardians of the poor of any 5 union, or in case of urgency for the relieving officer, in cases where the relatives of any person dying within the union are not known, or by reason of their absence, or poverty, or otherwise, are unable to provide for the burial of such deceased person, to defray all necessary and proper expenses incurred in the burial of such 10 deceased person, subject to any rules which the Local Government Board for Ireland may make in that behalf; and the expenses incurred by the guardians under this section shall be charged on the rates of the electoral division or of the union in like manner as the said deceased person would have been chargeable if he had 15 been in receipt of relief at the time of his death, or on such other fund at the disposal of the guardians as the Local Government Board shall prescribe.

Public Health (Ireland)  
Act (1878) Amendment.

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*(Proposed and brought in by  
Mr. James Haughey and Mr. Attorney-General  
for Ireland.)*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
25 April 1879.*

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[Tab. 184.]

Under 1. 20.